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Life Alone—Their Happy
Escape.Mistakes in Getting Married—What
Women May Do—Hints About
Education.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., January 8.—The Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, D. D., preached at the Tabernacle this morning the first of a series of sermons to the women of America, with practical hints for men. The subject of this discourse was, "The Women Who Fight the Battle of Life Alone," and the text was from Proverbs xiv. 1: "Every wise woman buildeth her house." Dr. Talmage said:

Woman a mere adjunct to man, an appendix to the masculine volume, an appendage, a sort of afterthought, something thrown in to make things even—that is the heresy entertained and implied by some men. This is evident to them: Woman's insignificance as compared to man is evident to them, because Adam was first created and then Eve. They don't read the whole story or they would find that the porpoise and the bear and the hawk were created before Adam, so that this argument, drawn from priority of creation, might prove that the sheep and the dog were greater than man. No. Woman was an independent creation, and was intended, if she chose, to live alone, to walk alone, at alone, think alone, and fight her battles alone. The Bible says it is not good for man to be alone, but never says it is not good for woman to be alone, and the simple fact is that many women who are harnessed for life in the marriage relation would be a thousandfold better off if they were alone. God makes no mistake, and the fact that there is such a large majority of women in this land proves that he intended that

MULTITUDES OF THEM SHOULD BE ALONE. Who are these men who year after year hang around hotels and engine-houses and theater doors, and come in and out to bother busy clerks and mechanics and mechanics, doing nothing even when there is plenty to do? They are men supported by their wives and mothers. If the statistics of any of our cities could be taken on this subject you would find that a vast multitude of women not only support themselves but maintain a household. A great legion of men amount to nothing, and a woman by marriage maintained to one of these non-entities needs confidence. A woman standing outside the marriage relation is several hundred thousand times better off than a woman badly married. Many a fine moral of a wealth of orange blossoms might more properly wear a bunch of nettles and hickories, and instead of the wedding march a more appropriate tune would be the Dead March in Saul, and instead of a banquet of confect and nuptials there might be more appropriate spread a table covered with apples of Sodom, which are outside fair and inside foul.

Many an attractive woman of good sound sense in other things has married one of these men to requite him. What was the result? Like when a dove noting that a vulture was rapacious and cruel set about to reform it and said: "I have a mild disposition, and I like peace, and was brought up in the quiet of a dove-cote, and I will bring the vulture to the same liking by marrying him." So one day after the vulture had declared he would give up his carnivorous habits and cease longing for food of flock and herd, at an altar of rock covered with moss and lichen the twain were married, a bald-headed eagle officiating, the vulture saying, "With all my dominion of earth and sky I thee endow, and promise to love and cherish till death do us part." But one day

THE DOVE IN HER FLIGHT saw the vulture busy at a carcass and cried, "Stop that! did you not promise me that you would quit your carnivorous and filthy habits if I married you?" "Yes," said the vulture, "but if you don't like my way you can leave," and with one angry stroke of beak and another fierce clutch of claw the vulture left the dove eyeless and wingless and lifeless. And a flock of robins flying past cried to each other and said, "See there! that comes from a dove's marrying a vulture to reform him."

Many a woman who has had the hand of a young meddler offered but declined it, or who was asked to chain her life to a man selfish or of bad temper and refused the shackles, will bless God throughout all eternity that she escaped that earthly Pandemonium.

Besides all this, in our country about one million men were sacrificed in our civil war, and that decreed a million women to celibacy. Besides that, since the war, several armies of men as large as the Federal and Confederate armies put together have been taken under many a poisoned flag and distilled spirits so full of poisonous ingredients that the work was done more rapidly, and the victims fell while yet young. And if fifty thousand men are destroyed every year by strong drink before marriage, that makes in the twenty-three years since the war one million one hundred and fifty thousand men slain, and decrees one million one hundred and fifty thousand women to celibacy. Take then the fact that so many women are unhappy in their marriage, and the fact that the slaughter of two million one hundred and fifty thousand men by war and rum combined decides that at least that number of

women shall be unmarriageable for life, my text comes in with a cheer and

A POTENCY AND APPROPRIATENESS

that I never saw in it before when it says, "Every wise woman buildeth her own house," that is, let woman be her own architect, lay out her own plans, be her own supervisor, achieve her own destiny.

In addressing these women who will have to fight the battle of life alone, I congratulate you on your happy escape. Repulse forever that you will not have to navigate the faults of the other sex when you have faults enough of your own.

Things of the bereavement you avoid, of the risk of unassimilated temper which you will not have to run, or the cars you will never have to carry, and of the opportunity of outside usefulness from which marital life would have partially deterred you, and that you are free to go and come as one who has the responsibilities of a household can seldom be. God has not given you a hard lot as compared with your sisters. When young women shall make up their minds at the start that masculine companionship is not a necessity in order to be happy, and that there is a strong probability that they will have to fight the battle of life alone, they will be setting the timbers ready for their own fortunes, and their saw and ax and plane sharpened for its construction, since "Every wise woman buildeth her house."

As no boy ought to be brought up without learning some business at which he could earn a livelihood, so no girl ought to be brought up without learning the science of self support. The difficulty is that many a family goes sailing on the high tides of success, and the husband and father depends on his own health and manhood for the welfare of his household, but one day he gets his feet wet, and in three days pneumonia has closed his life, and the daughters are turned out on a cold world to earn bread, and there is

NOTHING PRACTICAL THAT WE CAN DO.

The friends of the family come in and look on in dismay.

"Give music lessons," says an outsider. Yes, that is a useful calling, and if you have great genius for it go on in that direction. But there are enough male teachers now starving to death in all our towns and cities to occupy all the piano stools and sofas and chairs and front door steps of the city. Beside that, the daughter has been playing only for amusement, and is only at the foot of the ladder, to the top of which a great multitude of masters on piano and harp and flute and organ have climbed.

But the bereft daughters as saleswomen in stores, says another adviser. But there they must compete with salesmen of long experience, or with men who have served an apprenticeship in commerce, and who began as shop boys at ten years of age. Some kind-hearted dry goods man having known the father, now gone, says: "We are not in need of any more help just now, but send your daughters to my store and I will do as well by them as possible." Very soon the question comes up: Why do not the female employees of that establishment get as much wages as the male employees? For the simple reason that in many cases the female were suddenly called in by misfortune behind the counter, while the males from the day but they left the public schools have been learning business.

How is this evil to be cured? Start clear back in the home and teach your daughters that life is an earnest thing and that there is a possibility, if not a strong probability, that they will have to fight the battle of life alone. Let every father and mother say to their daughters: "Now, what would you do for a livelihood if what I now own were swept away by financial disaster, or old age or death should end my career?" "Well, I could point on pottery and do such decorative work." Yes, that is beautiful, and

IF YOU HAVE GENIUS

for it go on in that direction. But there are enough busy at that now to make a line of hardware from here to the East river and across the bridge.

"Well, I could make recitations in public and earn my living as a dramatist. I could render 'King Lear' and 'Macbeth' till your hair would rise on end, or give you Sheridan's Rode or Dickens' Pickwick." Yes, that is a beautiful art, but ever and anon as now, there is an epidemic of dramatization that makes hundreds of households nervous with the cries and shrieks and groans of young tragedians dying in the fifth act, at the trouble is that while your friends would like to hear you, and really think that you could surpass Riston and Charlotte Cushman, and Fanny Kemble of the past, to say nothing of the present, you could not, in the way of living, in ten years earn ten cents.

My advice to all girls and all unmarried women, whether in affluent homes or in homes where most stringent economies are pressing to learn to do some kind of work that the world must have while the world stands. I am glad to see a marvelous change for the better, and that women have found out that there are hundreds of practical things that a woman can do for a living if she begins soon enough, and that men have been compelled to admit it. You and I can remember when the majority of occupations were thought inappropriate for women, but our civilization has advanced, and the hosts of men went forth from North and South, and to conduct the business of our cities during the patriotic absence women were demanded by the tens of thousands to take the vacant places, and multitudes of women who had been hitherto supported by fathers and brothers and sons were compelled from that time to take care of themselves. From that time a mighty change took place.

FAVORABLE TO FEMALE EMPLOYMENT.

Among the occupations appropriate for women I place the following, into many of which she has already entered, and all the others she will enter—

Stenography, and you may find her at nearly all the reportorial stands in our educational, political, and religious meetings.

Savings banks, the work clean and

long faces, and who so great a figure as tell there for a woman founded the first

savings bank, Mrs. Priscilla Wakefield. Copyists, and there is hardly a professional man that does not need the service of her penmanship, and, as amanuensis, many of the greatest books of our day have been dictated for her writing. Then they are employed as forists and confectioners, and music teachers and stationers and bookkeepers, for which they are specially qualified by patience and accuracy; and

Wood-engraving, in which the Cooper Institute has turned out so many qualified, and

Telegraphy, for which she is specially prepared, as thousands of the telegraph offices would testify.

Photography, and in nearly all our establishments they may be found there at cheerful work.

As workers in ivory and gutta percha and gum elastic and tortoise shell and gilding and in chemicals, in porcelain, in terra cotta, in embroidery.

As postmistresses, and the President is giving them appointments all over the land.

As keepers of lighthouses, many of them, if they had the chance, ready to do as brave a thing with a r and boat as did Sir Lewis and Grace Darling.

As proof-readers, as draught-women, as lithographers, as teachers in schools and seminaries, for which

THEY ARE ESPECIALLY EQUIPPED, the first teacher of every child, by divine arrangement, being a woman.

As physicians, having graduated after a regular course of study from the female colleges of our large cities, where they get as scientific and thorough preparation as any doctors ever had, and go forth to a work which no one but a woman could so appropriately or delicately do.

On the lecturing platform, for you know the brilliant success of Mrs. Livermore, and Mrs. Hallowell, and Mrs. Wilford, and Mrs. Lathrop.

As play-acted lecturers to their own sex, for which a voice there is a demand as alluring as a siren.

As preachers of the gospel, and all the professing of ecclesiastical courts cannot hinder them, for they have a pathos and a power in their religious utterances that men can never reach. Witness all who have heard their mother pray.

O, young women of America! so many of you will have to fight your own battles alone, do not wait until you are strung of disaster, and your father is dead, and all the resources of your family have been scattered, but now, while in a good house and surrounded by all prosperities, learn how to do some kind of work that the world must have as long as the world stands. Turn your attention from the embroidery of fine muslin, or where there is a surplus, and make a useful shoe. Expend the time in which you adorn a clear case in learning how to make a good honest loaf of bread. Turn your attention from the of things nothing to the manufacturing of important something.

Much of the time spent in young ladies' seminaries studying what are called the "higher branches" must be expended in teaching them something by which they can support themselves. If you are going to be teachers, or if you have

SO MUCH ASSURED GRATITUDE

that you can always dwell in those high regions, trigonometry, of course, mechanics of course, Latin and Greek and German and French and Italian, of course; but if you are not expecting to teach, and your wealth is not established beyond misfortune, after you have learned the ordinary branches, take hold of that kind of study that will pay in dollars and cents in case you are thrown on your own resources. Learn to do something better than anything else. Buy Virginia Penny's book entitled "The Employment of Women," and learn there are five hundred ways in which a woman may earn a living.

"No, no!" says some young woman, "I will not undertake anything so unromantic and commonplace as that. An excellent author writes that after he had, in a book, argued for efficiency in womanly work in order to success, and positive apprenticeship by way of preparation, prominent chemist instructed that he would teach a class of women to learn the printer's trade if they would go through an apprenticeship as men do, and how many, according to the account of the authorities, do you suppose applied to become skilled in this dangerous business? Not one! One young woman said she would be willing to try one printing business for six months, but by that time her older sister would be married, and then her mother would want her at home. My sisters, it will be skilled womanly labor that will surely triumph.

"But," you ask, "what would my father and mother say if they saw I was doing such unromantic things?" I answer the whole responsibility upon the pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle, who is constantly hearing of young women in all these cities who, unqualified by their previous luxurious surroundings for

THE ANGUISH STRUGGLE FOR LIFE

into which they had been suddenly hurled, seem to have nothing left them but a choice between starvation and damnation. There they go, among the street at 7 o'clock in the wintry mornings through the slush and sleet to the place where they shall earn only half enough for subsistence, the daughters of once prosperous merchants, lawyers, clergymen, artists, bankers and capitalists, who brought up their children under the infernal delusion that it was not in God's plan for women to learn a practical calling. Young women, take this matter to your own heart, and let there be an instruction in a prosperous families of Brooklyn and New York and Charleston on the part of the daughters of this day, demanding knowledge in occupation and style of business by which they may be their own defense and their own support if all fatherly and husbandly aid and care should ever be withdrawn.

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I have seen two sad sights—the one a woman in all the glory of her young life stricken by disease, and in a week lifeless in a home of which she had been the pride. As her hands were folded over the still heart, and her eyes closed for the last time, and she was taken out amid the lamentations of kindred and friends, I thought that was a sad scene. But I have seen something that compared with which that scene was bright and songful. It was a young woman who had been all her days amid wealthy surroundings, by the visit of death and bankruptcy to the household turned out on a cold world without it on a mission about how to get food or shelter, and into the awful whirlpool of city life where strong ships have gone down, and for twenty years not one word has been heard from her. Vessels last week went out on the Atlantic Ocean looking for a shipwrecked craft that was left alone and forsaken on the sea a few weeks ago, with the idea of bringing it into port. But who shall ever bring again

INTO THE HARBOR OF PEACE

and hope and heaven that lost womanly immortal, driven in what tempest, afloat in what conflagration, sinking into what abyss? O God, help! O Christ, rescue!

My sisters, give not your time to fancy work which the world may dispense with when hard times come, but connect your skill with the indispensable of life. The world will always want something to wear and something to eat and shelter and fuel for the body, and knowledge for the mind, and religion for the soul. And all these things will continue to be the necessities, and if you fasten your energies upon occupations and professions thus related the world will be unable to do without you. Remember that in proportion as you are sought in anything your rivalries become less. For unskilled toil, women by the million. But you may rise to where there are only a thousand, and still higher till there are only a hundred, and still higher till there are only ten; and still higher in some particular department till there is only a unit and that yourself. For a while you may keep wages and a place through the kindly sympathies of an employer, but you will eventually get no more compensation than you can make yourself worth.

Let me say to all women who have already entered upon the battle of life that the time is coming when women shall not only get as much salary and wages as men get, but for certain styles of employment women will have higher salary and more wages for the reason that for some styles of work they have more adaptation. But this justice will come to women not through any sentiment or gallantry, not because woman is physically weaker than man and therefore ought to have more consideration shown her, but because through

SEE FINER NATURAL TASTE

and more grace of manner and quicker perception and more delicate touch and more educated address she will in certain callings be to her employer worth 10 per cent more or 25 per cent more than the other sex. She will not get it by asking for it, but by earning it, and it will be hers by lawful conquest.

Now, men of America, be fair and give the women a chance! Are you afraid that they will do some of your work and hence harm your prosperities? Remember that there are scores of thousands of men doing women's work. Do not be afraid! God knows the end from the beginning and he knows how many people this world can feed and shelter, and when it gets too full he will end the world and if need be start another. God will halt the inventive faculty, which by producing a machine that will do the work of ten or twenty or a hundred men and women, will leave that number of people without work. I hope that there will not be invented another sewing machine or reaping machine or corn thresher, or any other new machine for the next five hundred years. We want no more wooden hands and iron hands and steel hands and electric hands substituted for men and women who would otherwise do the work and get the pay and earn the livelihood.

But God will arrange all, and all we have to do is to do our best and trust him for the rest. Let me cheer all women fighting the battle of life alone, with the fact that thousands of women have in that way won the day. Mary Lyon, founder of Mount Holyoke Female Seminary, fought the battle alone; Adelaide Newton, the tract distributor, alone; Fidelia Lusk, the consecrated missionary, alone; Dorothea Dix, the angel of the insane asylums, alone; Caroline Herschel, the indispensable reinforcement of her brother, alone; Maria Takizawa, the heroine of the Berlin hospital, alone; Helen Chambers, patron of the sewing-schools for the poor of Edinburgh, alone. And thousands and tens of thousands of women of whose

DRAVEY AND SELF-SACRIFICE

and glory of character the world has made no record, but whose deeds are in the heavenly archives of martyrs who fought the battle alone and, though unrecognized for the short thirty or forty or eighty years of their earthly existence, stand through the quinquennial ages of the higher world be pointed out with the exulting cry, "These are they who came out of great tribulation and had their robes washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb."

Let me also say for the encouragement of all women fighting the battle of life alone, that their conflict will soon end. There is one word written over the face of many of them and that word is Respite. My sister, you need appeal to that Christ who comforts the sisters of Bethany in their domestic troubles, and who in his last hours forgot all the pangs on his own hands and feet and heart as he looked into the face of maternal anguish and called a friend's attention to it, in substance saying: "John, I cannot take care of her any longer. Do for her as I would have done if I had lived. Behold thy mother!" If under the pressure of unrequited and unappreciated work of unrequited and unappreciated work your hair is whitening and the wrinkles come, rejoice that you are nearing the hour of escape from your very last fatigue, and may your departure be as pleasant as that of Isabella Graham, who closed her life with a smile and the word "Peace." The daughter of a regiment in any army is all surrounded by bayonets of defense, and in the battle, whoever

falls, she is kept safe. And you are the daughter of the regiment commanded by the Lord of Hosts. After all you are not fighting the battle of life alone. All heaven is on your side. You will be wise to appropriate to yourself the words of sacred rhythm:—

One who has known in storms to sail—
I have an hour;
Above the roaring of the gale
I hear my Lord.
He holds me; when the billows smite
I shall not sink.
If short, 'tis sharp; if long, 'tis light;
He tempts me all.



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